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Gulch, Everyone knew that. He was also the most selfish. He owned the only general store in town, and not once had he given anyone credit. He was forever on the look out for some new project that would enrich his already wast holdings. Most of the people in town suspected Simon of foul tactics but there was no peopl of it One hot midsummer day, Vern Casey

walked wearily into Stmon's store to pur chase a large stock of provisions. "Let rice see your money first," Simon rasped, everno Vern with a hard look pulled out a wallet hulging with money. At his. Simon's even widened and he hurried

"Looks like, you're going to be out in the hills for a while," Simon said pleasantly.
"Sure am," Vern replied, "I just took a thirty-day lease on the old Anson Mine." "Ha! Let me give you a tip, stranger,

or six times. Nebedy ever found anything." "Well. I'll take my changes." Vern renlied "You never know?" Six weeks passed before Vern appeared soun and headed for Simon's store. "I'll need a few more provisions," Vern

told the stocekeeper. Simon started to comply, hut Vern added, "I've spent all my money, I'd he obliged if you'd grubstake me." At that Simon stopped and turned, "No money, no provisions?' he rasped Stdling close to Simon, Vern furtively held

"I didn't want to tell anyhody yet," he said, "but I've hit part of a rich vein. A few more weeks and I'll hit pay dirt." Simon's eyes were glittering now with a greedy light. He smiled honigally as he gave

As soon as Vern had ridden out of town, Simon went into action. He bought the mine outright from the owner, planning to make would be Simon's for good Riding up the back trail to the mine. Simon considered ways to get rid of Vern. He ruled

suspectous of his acquirements in that fashion. Nearing the mine, he found Vern sixtion. Nearing the mine, he bearing airring dejectedly near the opening.
"What's wrong? You look sick?" Stmon called as he dismounted.

"I am sick," Vern replied quietly. "Don't Smon's face lighted up. Fate was playing into his hands. "Tell you what I'll do." he

said. "I'll give you a thousand dollars for "But this mine is worth millions?" Vern protested. 'The owner would give me much more! Recken I'll go see him

"I'll make it ten thousand!" Simon Vors thought a minute then polited his head in consent. Simon handed over the

Vern disappeared after that, and it was a note hidden under one of his counter constemation. The note read: "Thanks for low years ago. By the way, if you want to at the Black Mine over in Gower Canyon. Signed: Vern Casey."





































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